

Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 15, 2007

The second meeting of the Board members of the North Shore Chapter was held on February 15, 2007 at the Northbrook Public Library. Board members in attendance were Matt Lowry, Bob Wilson, Norm Gibbons and Paul Cooper.

Bob Wilson presented, to wide approval, the new logo and web-site he designed for the chapter, as well as the new web address: nscou.org. Bob also stated that he would send to all board members a list of their names, addresses, e-mail addresses, (and phone numbers?)

Matt Lowry brought up the issue of the forthcoming (April 17th) election for School District 214 (Arlington Heights area). The current school board is seen as mostly religious and conservative, so if the coming election results in bringing in more members with fundamentalist views, the result may present a possible attempt of a religious right take-over. This, in turn, could bring many difficulties on Church-State issues. A spokeswoman and member of School District 214, Carol Javens, has been invited to speak on these concerns at the next NSCAU meeting in March. (While that date had not been determined at the time of the meeting, it was since fixed at Thursday, March 29th, at 7:00 PM at the Daniel Ryan Auditorium of the Northbrook Public Library).

Norm Gibbons suggested that our chapter join forces with the National Organization for Women (NOW) who share our interest in the School District 214 election. Norm volunteered to pursue this.

The business of the meeting now having been concluded, Matt Lowry proceeded to the talk he had prepared for the wider audience: "Evolution, Creationism, and the First Amendment:", which covered the legal history of this continuing problem. An estimated 40 people were present to hear this talk, and Matt's explanation of the purpose and activities of AU. Judging from the comments expressed by this audience and the types of questions raised, they showed a lively interest in the topic.

Respectfully submitted,

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